

Introduction

Good evening. Today is Wednesday, November 7, 2018, and the time is approximately 8:00 p.m. We are assembled in the All Purpose *Room of The Little Bennett Elementary School, located at 23930 Burdette Forest Road in Clarksburg, Maryland.*

I am Richard Dorsey designee for Montgomery County Department of Transportation and here this afternoon to conduct this public hearing. With me is Mr. Timothy Cupples from the Division of Transportation Engineering. Mr. Cupples will provide the information and details regarding the proposed project.

As a reminder, please make sure that you have signed in as you entered the room and note on the sign-in sheet whether or not you wish to speak tonight. If you have indicated that you do not wish to speak but change your mind during the hearing, there will be an opportunity for you to speak at the end of the hearing. Written comments can be submitted as well and will be considered with the same weight as oral testimony.

The subject of this public hearing is the design and construction of MD 355 Clarksburg Bike Path Capital Improvement Project.

This hearing is being held pursuant to section 49-53 of the Montgomery County Code. The purpose of a public hearing is to receive comments on the proposed design of the project. Any interested persons are entitled to be heard at this hearing. However, please direct your remarks to the specific project that is the subject of this hearing. If comments stray into areas not related to this project, I will ask that you again focus your comments on the subject project.

It is my intention to hold the hearing record open for *two weeks from today until November 21st 2018 and close of business time (5:00PM)*. This allows any person who could not attend this hearing or those who would like to present additional comments related to the information presented this evening, an opportunity to have their comments included into the record and be fully considered. Submissions may be by facsimile, e-mail or regular mail and must be received or postmarked by the close of the hearing record. Written submissions will be considered with the same weight as oral testimony.

Submissions should be sent to:

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This contact information is available on handouts at the sign-in desk as you entered the room and will be repeated at the conclusion of the hearing.

After the hearing is concluded and the record is closed, I will review the official public record and make a final decision regarding whether or not to recommend any changes in the proposed design of the project based on the comments received during the hearing.

Mr. Cupples, you may now provide an explanation of the project.

Note: At this time in the hearing, Tim Cupples, Chief of the Division of Transportation Engineering provided verbal description of the project. The description is available for review on the project web page.

Public Testimony

Thank you Mr. Cupples. We will now hear comments from those in attendance who wish to speak. Please provide your name and address for the record.

[Read names of speakers from sign-in sheet. Direct comments to the topic and time limitations as needed. Remind speakers to provide name and address as needed.]

That concludes the speakers who have expressed an interest in speaking tonight. Is there anyone else who did not sign in as a speaker who now wishes to speak?

Summary

Thank you all for your comments. Seeing that everyone who wishes to speak has had an opportunity to do so, this concludes the oral testimony portion of this public hearing. As noted earlier, the hearing record will remain open for *two weeks from today until November 21st 2018 and close of business time (5:00PM)*.

Additional written testimony may be submitted by facsimile, e-mail or regular mail and must be received or postmarked by the close of the hearing record. Written submissions will be considered with the same weight as oral testimony.

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Thank you again. This public hearing is now closed.